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SUBJECT: INCLUSION OF QUANTITY DATA IN GATT TARIFF

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STUDY DATA BASE

REF: GENEVA 1718, MARCH 15, 1974

1. U.S. PROPOSED AT TNC TARIFF GROUP MEETING
THAT, WHEREVER POSSIBLE, QUANTITY DATA BE INCORPORATED INTO
TARIFF STUDY (TS) COUNTRY FILES (MAGNETIC TAPE) TO MATCH
VALUE DATA ALREADY IN FILE, I.E., AT THE TARIFF LINE
LEVEL. EXCHANGE RATE FLUCTUATIONS AND SHARP PRODUCT
PRICE INCREASES MAKE THIS DATA ESPECIALLY USEFUL FOR
MTN-RELATED TRADE ANALYSIS BY EACH PARTICIPANT.

2. EC AND CANADA ONLY TS PARTICIPANTS THAT DO NOT CURRENTLY INCLUDE QUANTITY DATA ON TAPES SUBMITTED TO GATT SECRETARIAT. EC DELEGATE TO TARIFF GROUP SAID THAT HE DIDN'T THINK COMPLETE QUANTITY STATISTICS COULD BE INCLUDED, BUT WOULD SUBMIT LIST SHOWING WHERE (BTN CHAPTERS) AND HOW (WHAT UNIT OF QUANTITY) DATA IS AVAILABLE.

FYI. EUROSTAT PUBLICATION "COMMERCE EXTERIEUR - TABLEAUX ANALYTIQUES" CONTAINS EC IMPORT QUANTITY STATISTICS AT A LEVEL (NIMEX NUMBERS) GENERALLY CONCORDABLE TO TARIFF LINES, BUT UNIT OF QUANTITY SHOWN IS WEIGHT (KILOGRAMS) WITH ONLY INFREQUENT PROVISION OF SUPPLEMENTAL STATISTICS (NUMBER OF UNITS).

- 3. MISSION REQUESTED TO SEEK EC SUPPORT FOR U.S. PROPOSAL, NOTING THAT ALL MTN PARTICIPANTS COULD BENEFIT EQUALLY FROM AVAILABILITY OF BETTER DATA. IF APPROPRIATE, INDICATE U.S. COULD REFINE PROPOSAL TO ACCOMMODATE TECHNICAL OR OTHER PROBLEMS ANTICIPATED BY EC IN ASSEMBLING DATA.
- 4. GATT SECRETARIAT STATED AT MARCH MEETING (REFTEL) THAT IT WOULD CONSULT WITH EC ON THIS QUESTION. WASHINGTON AGENCIES NEED EARLY REPORT OF EC REACTION TO U.S. PROPOSAL AND, IF POSSIBLE, RESULTS OF DISCUSSION WITH SECRETARIAT TO ASSIST PLANNING U.S. POSITION FOR MAY TARIFF GROUP MEETING.

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